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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPORT OF SUB STANDARD QUALITY GOODS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a decision on the issue of import of sub-standard quality goods and decided to introduce a scheme to ensure conformity with normal quality norms;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme prepared by the Government to screen import; and

(c) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) to (c): Imports in India apart from being subject to compliance of Export Import Policy, are also subject to compliance of the provisions of any other law for the time being in force. Thus all imported goods will have to comply with all domestic laws, rules, orders, regulations, technical specifications, environmental safety norms as applicable to domestically produced goods.

The Government is determined that import of substandard quality goods shall not be permitted in the country. Towards that end, import of 131 products has been made subject to compliance of the mandatory Indian quality standards as applicable to domestic goods. For compliance of this requirements all manufacturers/ exporters of these products to India arerequired to register themselves with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).The list of 131 products includes various food preservatives and additives, milk powder, infant milk food, certain kinds of cement, household and similar electrical appliances, gas cylinders and multipurpose dry batteries.